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1. Since regaining independence and becoming a full member of the international community, the Azerbaijani Republic has made progress towards building a secular State based on the rule of law.

2. Forty-eight of the 158 articles of the Azerbaijani Constitution, which was adopted on 12 November 1995 by a national referendum, relate to the protection of individual rights and freedoms.

3. Under article 25 of the Constitution, the State guarantees everyone equal rights and freedoms irrespective of race, nationality, religion, language, sex, origin, property status job status, convictions and political party, trade union or other social affiliations. Restrictions on individual rights and freedoms on grounds of race, nationality, religion, language, sex, origin, convictions or political or social affiliations are prohibited.

4. Under article 53 of the Constitution and article 2 of the Citizenship Act, adopted on 7 October 1998, citizens of the Azerbaijani Republic cannot in any circumstances be deprived of their citizenship.